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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. KURODA et al  
Serial No.: 10/748,139  
Filed: December 31, 2003  
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH AN ACTIVE REGION  
AND PLURAL DUMMY REGIONS  
Group: 2826  
Examiner: T. QUACH

AMENDMENT

MS: AMENDMENTS  
Commissioner For Patents  
POB 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 3, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks** are included following the Amendment.